Director’s Message

BY CINDY STANKOWSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What can I say about the last year that hasn’t been said already? It was terribly difficult in so many ways. To those of you who lost loved ones or were ill, I hope that your heart is healing. After all we have been through, I truly appreciate the arrival of Spring. It seems that the birdsong is sweeter and the flowers brighter.

I am happy to say that the Center will be once again welcoming visitors. Starting on April 24th, visitors will be welcome on Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can schedule your visit on our website or by calling 760-291-0370.

To welcome you back to the Center, please join us on Saturday, April 24th for our Spring Bazaar & Book Sale. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. browse the selections for those books you can’t live without. See page 3 for sample titles. In addition, we have items from all over the world for sale. I’ll bet you have been looking for a vintage Bullroarer from Australia. What about a vintage Acoma painted bowl? Or a painted gourd from Peru?

The Center has carefully prepared for your visit with investment in high-quality cleaning supplies and doubled our cleaning efforts. Sanitation stations are available at several locations. We have adopted a touchless checkout system and are not accepting cash at this time. Displays are separated to help maintain social distancing.

See you soon!
Welcome to Kids Dig, where our youngest community members can discover the latest news in archaeology.

This issue’s breaking news comes all the way from the United Kingdom, courtesy of an archaeology-minded fluffle. “What in the world is a fluffle?” you might ask. Well, this funny little word means a group of wild rabbits. It turns out that a specific fluffle of bunnies has been uncovering some very interesting artifacts on Skokholm Island.

Skokholm Island, also known as Dream Island because of its natural beauty, is off the coast of Wales. Starting in 1324, it was a rabbit farm for 200 years. Fast forward to the present day where the descendants of those rabbits are making headlines!

It was reported just last month that a Stone Age artifact was found near a rabbit warren, or hole. Researchers think that this stone tool was used for preparing seal hides or processing shellfish and dates all the way back to 9,000 years ago! Just a few days later, a potsherd (see below) was found near the same place. This fragment is from a thick-walled pot and is about 3,750 years old!

For more information on this fascinating discovery, check out this article from Live Science.

Virtual Events

The Fishing Link
A New Take on the Coastal Model of the Peopling of the Americas

Dr. Mark Sutton
April 22, 2021 6:30 PM

Hominins: Hyenas & Lions

Dr. Jennifer Parkinson
May 13, 2021 6:30 PM
From the Stacks

BY SUZANNE MORAMARCO,
COLLECTIONS AND LIBRARY SPECIALIST

One activity people seem to have been doing over the past several months, is getting a head start on their spring cleaning. In that time, the Center has received several donations of books and magazines. Our recycled knowledge storage is overflowing. To help solve this problem we are having a Spring Bazaar & Book Sale.

As travel is still somewhat restricted, you can do your traveling through reading. We have travel magazines and books about cultures in far off places.

You can go from Vanuatu in the South Pacific to The Iberian Stones of Spain and Portugal.

Learn about Ghost Dog and Other Hawaiian Legends, The Pitcairn Islanders, and Coming of Age in Samoa.

Travel through time with books on man’s beginnings with Lucy’s Child: The Discovery of a Human Ancestor, to who reached America’s shores first with The Year China Discovered America.

Explore San Diego in time and place through the Journal of San Diego History. Plan future adventures with Afoot & Afield in San Diego County.

Take a river boat trip with John Wesley Powell in The Exploration of the Colorado River and Its Canyons, go hiking with John Muir in My First Summer in the Sierra, or go Adventuring in the Rockies.

Go to far off places with National Geographic. We have issues from 1971 through 2019.

Get into nature with Wildflowers: How to Identify Flowers in the Wild and How to Grow Them in Your Garden, and with guide books on birds, trees, and plants. Learn How Plants Get Their Names.

Discover the west with Roadside History of California and Roadside History of Arizona.

Delve into natural history with Hen’s Teeth and Horse’s Toes: Further Reflections in Natural History, and Dinosaurs in a Haystack: Reflections in Natural History.

Enter another realm through Contact, and Cosmos by Carl Sagan, along with Dirk Gently’s Holistic Detective Agency and The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul by Douglas Adams.

For those who enjoy a good mystery, there is the Elizabeth Peters’ Amelia Peabody series placed in Victorian-era Egypt, (titles include Crocodile on the Sandbank and The Last Camel Died at Noon) and two volumes of Agatha Christie titles.

At the Book Sale on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., regular priced Recycled Knowledge paperbacks will be $1.00 each, or 10 for $5, and hardback books will be $3.00 each, or 5 for $10. On the higher priced Recycled Knowledge, SDAC members will receive 50% off, and non-members will receive 25% off.

For any questions about these titles or the Center Library, contact Suzanne Moramarco at library@sandiegoarchaeology.org.
New Acquisitions

BY JESSICA MCPHERTERS, COLLECTIONS MANAGER

This past winter, the SDAC launched the new virtual exhibition *New Acquisitions*!

*New Acquisitions* is a virtual exhibit where we will share information about collections coming into the Center. The exhibit is featured on the SDAC website and is being updated as new collections are acquired. The San Diego Archaeological Center is grateful that even amidst a pandemic, new collections are still being brought in for long-term preservation and research.

Most of the collections that are curated at the SDAC come to us from Cultural Resource Management (CRM) firms. These CRM firms work with developers from around the county to make sure that construction is done using ethical methods and that archaeological sites are protected and documented. Once their work is complete, CRM firms curate collections at the SDAC for long-term preservation and care, allowing for community research and access. Let’s see what’s new!

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**SDAC 741 Delivered December 17th, 2020**

Project Name: The SDG&E Tie Line Wood to Steel Street Project  
Site(s): CASDI-9976  
USGS Quad Location: Otay Mesa 7.5’  
Year of Excavation: 2019

This project consisted of an excavation and recovery of archaeological materials in quantities that are sufficient to mitigate the impacts of the project on the integrity of the site. Excavation and recovery revealed that the ground sediments were heavily disturbed but that cultural resources and materials found were sparse. Three radiocarbon dates indicate that the area is older than previously had been expected, dating back to between 7,407 and 7,998 BCE. Even though this is a very old site, the lack of soil changes and cultural materials recovered here indicate that the area is not a significant site. Anything that had potential significance was properly retrieved and analyzed.

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**Catalog Number:** CA-SDI-9976-2019-92  
**Material Class:** Shell, unmodified  
**Object Type:** Fragment  
**Material:** Pectin  
**Quantity:** 1  
**Weight:** 9.3 grams

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**SDAC 740 Delivered October 28th, 2020**

Project Name: Lonestar Site  
Site(s): CASDI-10299  
USGS Quad Location: Otay Mesa 7.5’  
Year of Excavation: 2019-2020

Site Description: Middle Holocene milling tools found in Otay Mesa during a monitoring program.

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**Catalog Number:** CA-SDI-10299-2019-509  
**Material Class:** Ground stone  
**Object Type:** Metate  
**Material:** Granite  
**Quantity:** 1  
**Weight:** 7937.9 grams

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Become a Member

BY DANTÉ FARENGA,
DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DIRECTOR

Although San Diego County is home to more than 30,000 archaeological sites that provide valuable insight into the area's human history, many of these historical and scientific treasures do not receive proper care after excavation. The San Diego Archaeological Center is the only local facility dedicated to the curation of these artifacts. Your support preserves these cultural treasures and makes them available to both the public and researchers. Help share the stories that these artifacts have to tell by becoming a member.

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How to Join: Corporate Membership starts at $250 and can be purchased on our website, over the phone at 760-291-0370, or by mailing a check made out to the San Diego Archaeological Center.

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